

Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council Item ID 52080 Agenda Number 14.

Meeting Date: 1/28/2016 Department: Communications and Technology Mgmt

Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of a three-year interlocal agreement with Austin Community College for professional career education classes for City employees in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$260,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Operating Budgets of various departments. Funding for the remaining contract period is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	Interlocal Agreement
Prior Council Action:	
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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

City departments have an ongoing need for professional training in a diverse range of topics. While some topics are unique to this city's government organization, other training topics are not unique to the City and are best obtained from expert external providers. For such topics, an external training provider offers City employees experienced and knowledgeable instructors who are already prepared for their course offerings. Using an external provider for commodity training topics allows City training staff to provide the numerous training requirements that are *not* readily available on the market.

This interlocal agreement between the City and Austin Community College (ACC) is for professional career training courses, including enrollment in classes at a discounted rate, as well as development and provision of custom-created professional career training courses for employees of the City of Austin.

This interlocal agreement will deliver classes to City employees as designated by City managers. Training topics include: information technologies such as servers; routers; operating systems; database management systems; end-user software including Microsoft Word and Excel; software development; project management; computer service; data communications; information security; and more. The City may also request a quote for a custom class, which ACC may design for the city at an agreed price.

The interlocal makes no commitment for the City to spend a particular amount with ACC, but creates the opportunity to take advantage of discounts for training for which departments would otherwise pay full price. CTM will partner with Human Resources to build awareness of this contracting vehicle across City departments.